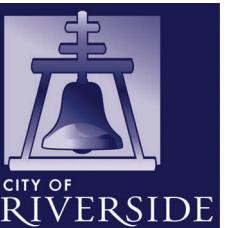




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Information Sheet

September 2009

Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation Project

Project Update

On Thursday, August 27, 2009, the Chamber of Commerce and the City hosted a meeting to discuss community issues—primarily, the upcoming Magnolia Grade Separation construction project. This project will build a new bridge for trains to travel over Magnolia Avenue.

This flyer will recap some of the issues discussed at that meeting: project aesthetics, minor design changes, construction schedules and the process for ongoing communication.

Project Aesthetics: The Magnolia Center area is an up and coming hub of retail and entertainment activity. Through a blend of textures and unique architectural elements such as medallions cast in color-treated and stamped walls, this railroad bridge will add interest and function. In addition, new landscaping will be colorful and environmentally friendly using water wise irrigation systems and plant material. Look for sample pictures in future updates!

Circulation Changes: The most significant design change in the final plan is how traffic will flow at Merrill and Magnolia Avenues. By removing the traffic signal and building a median at that location, this intersection will become “right turn in” and “right turn out.” This eliminates through traffic on Merrill Avenue across Magnolia Avenue.

Construction Schedule

- Utility work is underway. Service interruptions are NOT expected.
- Demolition of vacant buildings is underway.
- Posting of Request for Bid—September 24, 2009.
- Bid Award—Target date is November 10, 2009. Note: It is common to extend a bid award date to allow time for bidders to provide the best and most accurate bid possible.
- Construction starts—February 2010. Construction is expected to take 18 months.
- Beatty will be widened to four lanes.
- Traffic signals will be installed at Beatty Drive & Brockton Avenue, Beatty Drive & Magnolia Avenue and Beatty Drive & DeAnza Avenue.
- Build the shoofly (temporary) tracks.
- Divert the trains to the shoofly tracks and reduce Magnolia Avenue to one lane in each direction.
- Detour traffic.
- Begin construction of new bridge.
- Move trains to the newly constructed rail bridge.
- Move traffic onto new Magnolia Avenue which will go under the new train bridge.

Project Contact

Understanding that communication is important, we are pleased to introduce you to Cindie Perry, your dedicated Magnolia Grade Separation project contact.

Cindie will be responsible for taking and responding to your questions and comments, as well as coordinating periodic updates to the community.

If you know someone that would like to be notified of project updates, please ask them to contact Cindie to be added to the distribution list — (951) 826-5975 or cperry@riversideca.gov.

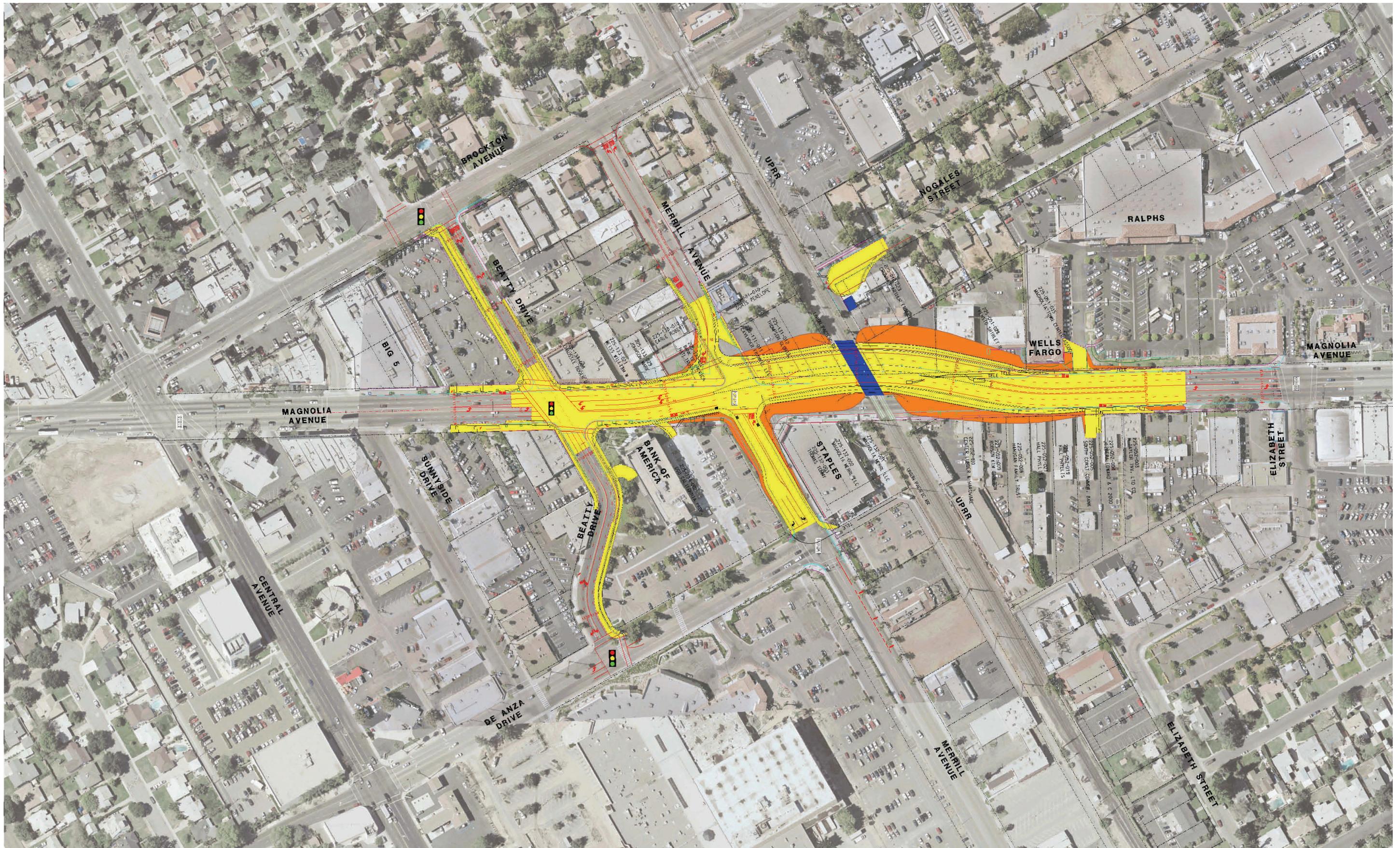
Communication Information

The following is how we plan to provide you with information.

- Quarterly flyers like this one will be sent by regular and e-mail. If you know of someone who should be added to the distribution list, contact Cindie Perry.
- If you are on the distribution list, shortly before construction starts you will receive weekly e-mail updates with a “look ahead” of what to expect the following week. “Look-aheads” include a description of construction activities, traffic impacts, and other important information.
- During construction a city project manager and inspection staff will occasionally make personal visits to ensure we are doing all we can to minimize inconvenience.
- Meeting notifications will be sent by regular and/or e-mail approximately two weeks in advance.

Remember to always exercise caution when driving or walking near railroad tracks.
Your life depends on it!

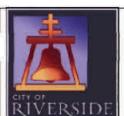
Additional information/questions, please contact:
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